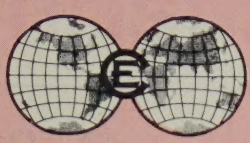


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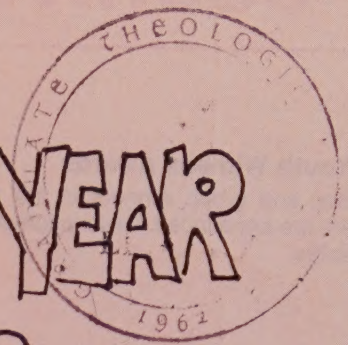
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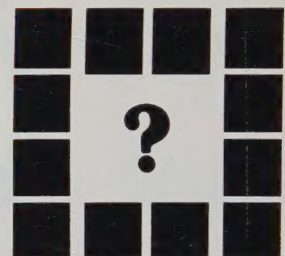
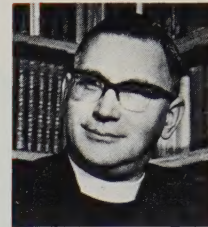
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Christian Youth Witness

Albert H. Diebold Awards

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Individual

Dana Schroyer,
Unity United
Presbyterian Church,
Mercer, Pennsylvania

*For his "witness through art and music"
project Dana receives \$200 in cash.*



Society

Senior High
Christian Endeavor Society,
Westminster Evangelical
Presbyterian Church,
Everett, Washington

*For its two-day "witness project"
this group receives \$225 cash.*

Winning youth and Christian Endeavor societies in the 1980 Christian Youth Witness Program sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor have been announced by Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary.

The Albert H. Diebold Awards, in addition to cash as listed, include an attractive plaque to all winners, plus honor certificates to all other qualified entrants. The awards are being presented at state or local Christian Endeavor events or at the winners' home church.

Individual winners entered an activity, editorial, talk, poster, black and white photograph, or a cartoon. Entries had to be developed, written, or released after February 15, 1979, and were judged on the basis of originality, excellence of literary or art form used and their Christian witness to the community.

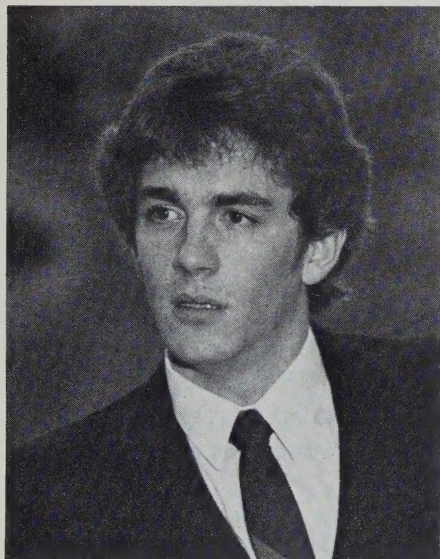
Societies sponsored and reported Christian witness projects begun after February 15, 1979. Each activity was evaluated on the basis of group participation, goals established and achieved and its Christian witness to the community.

Through the generous financial support of the Diebold Foundation, this continuing program has been made possible for the past 29 years. The 1980 Program marks the 24th year that the awards have been named in honor of the late Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City.

Judges for this year's entries were: Elwood Dunn, minister of the Ferndale Christian Church, Ferndale, Michigan; Edward C. Steinhart, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan; and David Van Houzen, accountant, Detroit, Michigan.

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

In taking top honors, Dana Schroyer entered a year-long witness through art projects and musical programs. He prepared comic strips for the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor periodical and his school paper, prepared cartoon characters for the Mercer County Christian Endeavor newsletter, and designed an outdoor billboard for his local church. In music Dana has rendered many vocal solos in his church, won first place in the Pennsylvania Sunday School Association's teen talent contest and sang in many concerts as a member of the Gospel music group, *Love Connection*. He is president of the Christian Endeavor fellowship at Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania.



Dana Schroyer

Ted Watts won second place with his witness project by compiling a booklet of poems he had written for special occasions. One hundred and fifty booklets were distributed over a period of several months to hospitals and nursing homes. Ted personally delivered three hundred invitations with one

of his poems to individuals inviting them to attend church. One of his poems was published and circulated to more than 8,000 homes through his local newspaper. Ted lives with his grandparents, Mr and Mrs. Albert Watts, Newport, Tennessee, and is a member of the Christian Endeavor society of Northport Christian Church.



Ted Watts

Miss Shirley Diane Ledford won third place with her poster project. Throughout the year, she produced a set of colorful posters and placed



Shirley Diane Ledford

them in twenty-five locations in Sevier and Cocke Counties in Tennessee. Shirley says of her poster project, "I wanted to bring others to Christ, advance my country's welfare and promote the Christian brotherhood of man."

Miss Julie Ann Fields won fourth place for her year-long activity which included her work as an assistant teacher in the Teeny Church; participation in Christmas drama; writing, directing and performing puppet skits; work in a Junior coffeehouse; and participation in a church visitation team. Julie is the 16-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oreon Fields and a member of the New Cumberland Christian Church.



Julie Ann Fields

Runners-up listed alphabetically are:

Mr. Philip McClymonds, Grove City, Pennsylvania (North Liberty United Presbyterian Church).

Miss Nysa Sanfino, Little Neck, New York (Community Church of Little Neck).

Mr. Anthony Wolverson, Kirkland, Washington (Rose Hill Presbyterian Church).

SOCIETY WINNERS

Activities entered by societies covered a wide range of emphases. The top winner in the society category entered a witness project. On August 11, 1979, ten members of the Senior High Christian Endeavor Society of the Westminster Evangelical Presbyterian Church went to the Seattle Center to witness and were amazed at the results. Their report to the next Christian Endeavor meeting was so enthusiastic that twice the number of young people participated in a similar project of witnessing on August 25. Nine different types of Christian tracts were used and a total of 2,000 were distributed. Edward J. Raymond, past president of the Christian Endeavor society, reports, "We all grew closer to the Lord because of these two outings. It taught us to depend on God to do all things great or small."

The second place society, the Junior Christian Endeavor Society of North Liberty United Presbyterian Church, Grove City, Pennsylvania, entered an outreach project to bring joy to others, reveal Christ to others, and serve Christ and the

Church. Table decorations, Christmas and Valentine favors were prepared for nursing homes and hospitals. Money was sent to provide food, Bibles and Christian literature for people in other countries. In their church the Juniors led several worship services for Sunday school and made chrismons for the Christmas tree.

The third place winning society, Derby Christian Endeavor, First Church of Evans, Derby, New York, based its project on the Christian Endeavor motto, "For Christ and the Church." This included a prayer walk of rededication and conducting the worship service on Youth Sunday; cleaning the church, distributing food baskets, caroling for shut-ins and preparing a meal and presenting a program at the home for retarded children; conducting a coffeehouse, organizing youth groups in other churches and hosting a regional Christian Endeavor conference. Church attendance was promoted and the group arranged for two young people to work in the church nursery each Sunday during worship service.



Junior Christian Endeavor outreach project

To witness for their Lord in the community, the Youth Christian Endeavor Society of Mt. Pinson Presbyterian Church visited young people at the Chalkville Campus of Alabama Youth Services. Games, recreation, refreshments, fellowship and a closing devotional were a part of the program. Monthly visits to the Estes Health Care Center provided an opportunity to worship and share with the elderly. A nativity scene in front of the church with live animals provided a third area of witness in the community at Christmas time.

Runners-up listed alphabetically by state are:

Christian Endeavor Society, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Runnemede, New Jersey.

Senior Christian Endeavor Society, Unity Presbyterian Church, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

Junior Christian Endeavor Society, Faith Reformed Church, Lynden, Washington.

Youth Christian Endeavor Society, First United Brethren in Christ Church, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

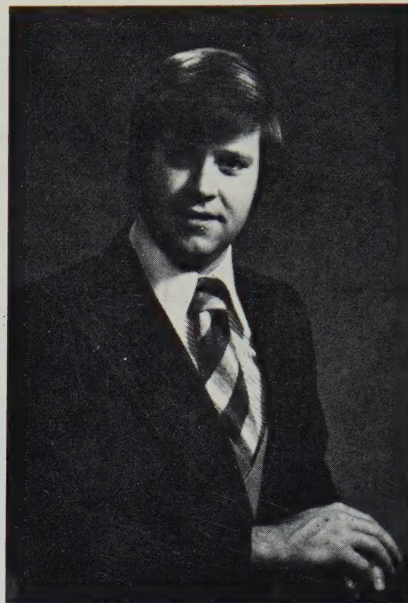


Mt. Pinson Society witnesses at Youth Center

Festival of Hope



Bernie Smith



Dan Neidermyer

Christian young people and their leaders from many countries of the world will gather in Portland, Maine, U.S.A., August 12-16, 1981, for a Festival of Hope Christian Endeavor Convention. Plans call for the mass meetings to be held in the ultra-modern Civic Center, which can seat 9,000 delegates, but many activities will be held in the Williston-West Church where Dr. Francis E. Clark organized the first Christian Endeavor society on February 2, 1881.

Speakers

The opening session Wednesday, August 12, will feature the keynote message by Dr. A. Skelvington Wood, principal of Cliff College, Sheffield, England. He is an international convention and conference speaker of the Methodist Church who has authored eighteen books and served as a former president of the British Christian Endeavor Union.

Rev. Konrad Brandt, overseas secretary of the German Christian Endeavor Union, will preside. The

convention theme is "Hope Through Christ."

Rev. Arno Pagel, Kalbental, Western Germany, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, will speak at the Thursday night session.

An ordained minister of the "Confessing Church," Mr. Pagel has served as director of the Marburger Mission for fifteen years, was president of the German Christian Endeavor Union for twenty years, and authored thirty-three books.

Miss Frances M. Becker of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, will preside.

The speaker for the Friday evening rally and the Sunday evening closing session is Dr. Luis Palau, president of the Luis Palau Evangelistic Association. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he has spent the past fifteen years bringing the Gospel message to Spanish-speaking people through mass evangelism in Central and South

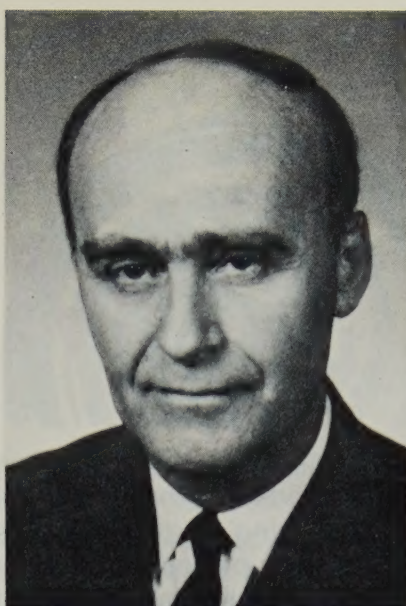
America. Since 1976 he has conducted evangelistic crusades in Australia, England, Scotland, Wales, Western Germany, and the United States of America.

Rev. James of Murdoch of Scotland, vice-president of the World's Union, will preside at the Friday evening session and Rev. Charles W. Barner, general secretary of the World's Union, will preside Sunday evening.

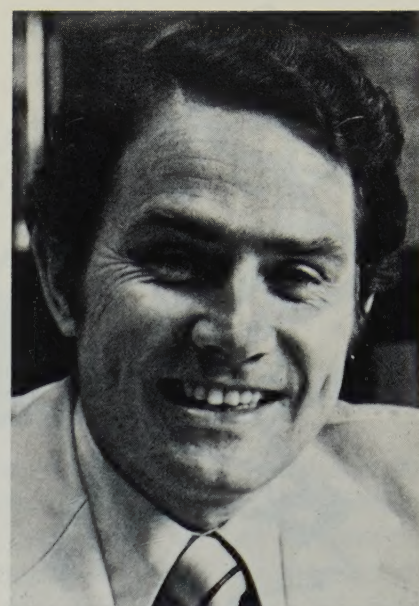
The Saturday evening session will feature a dramatic presentation written by Dan Neidermyer and will involve convention delegates in the presentation. Mr. Neidermyer utilizes drama to communicate biblical truths and principles as well as making church history live. In addition to writing many dramas based on the Bible and church history, Mr. Neidermyer has written a novel, "Jonathan," published by Herald Press. He serves as associate lecturer in the field of communication at the Evangelical School of Theology, Myerstown, Pennsylvania, and media repre-



Dr. A. Skevington Wood



Rev. Arno Pagel



Dr. Luis Palau

sentative for the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Mr. B.K. Pramanik, the honorable general secretary of the India Christian Endeavor Union, will preside.

Daily Activities

Morning activities at the convention will include personal devotions, Bible study and share groups followed by worldwide fellowship with cultural exchange. There will be special activities for primaries and juniors. Special sessions on youth work in the local church will be offered for pastors and youth sponsors.

Afternoons will be free for sight-seeing, recreation, concerts, and Christian Endeavor society meetings in the Williston-West Church. These daily Christian Endeavor society meetings will be coordinated by Harold E. Westerhoff, former general secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Music

Throughout the week, outstanding music will be the order of the day. The singing will be directed by Bernie Smith with Velma Van Lew at the organ and Mrs. Jane Bartholomew and Rev. Burton Lange at the pianos.

Choirs from Scotland, Australia, Hawaii, and Samoa will be featured during the convention ses-

sions. A local convention choir is being organized in the Portland area to provide special music for the convention sessions.

Sunday Morning

There will be two early morning communion services in the Williston-West Church with Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, past president of the World's Union, giving the meditation and the host pastor, Rev. S. George Bovill, presiding.

Rev. James Murdoch of Scotland will speak at the morning worship service and Rev. James Heron, organizer of the British Christian Endeavor Union, will preside.

Birthday Party

Sunday afternoon there will be a gigantic birthday party celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Christian Endeavor movement. Rev. David G. Jackson, executive secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, will serve as master of ceremonies.

One of the features of the party will be the premiere showing of the Christian Endeavor film, *Triumph in the Streets*. The movie has been produced for Christian Endeavor by Maranatha Productions, Inc., under the direction of Dan Neidermyer.

Another feature of the party will be the releasing of thousands of helium filled balloons with the name and address of an Endeavorer attached. Every person who has ever been associated with Christian Endeavor is invited to send his/her name and address with \$1 or more to Christian Endeavor Headquarters, P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, Ohio 43216. The money will be used to help underwrite convention costs and your name will be attached to one of the balloons.

Housing

Delegates will be housed in downtown hotels, motels on the bypass, three college campuses, and in camp areas. Meals will be provided for delegates staying on the college campuses. It is anticipated that three thousand delegates from North America will attend with smaller delegations coming from other countries.

Registration

The registration fee for students is \$10 (U.S.) and for all others, \$20 (U.S.). Send your name and address with your age, if under 25, to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, OH 43216, and full details on housing and the convention program will be sent to you.



Movie Making is

by Anna Assink

Acting is the highest calling in life, according to Dan Neidermyer, Executive Director of Maranatha Productions, Inc., of Ephrata, Pennsylvania. "Acting is a by-product of what you do inside yourself," he said to the ingathering for the movie, *Triumph in the Streets* which was being produced for the 100th anniversary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

As director, Dan chooses to use the method system of acting. He describes this system as absolutely the most difficult. It is extremely intense and demands total concentration. As each individual becomes the character he is playing, he is actually creating a new personality. The system works inward, getting the actor involved in the living process, by discovering the emotions within.

Many of the actors from the Pennsylvania area had been involved in rehearsals for the movie for several months. These actors clearly demonstrated their skill in the method system in their concluding rehearsals on the screened-in patio at "Ye Old Slater Homestead." Everyone felt drawn into the reality of the movie's highly dramatic plot almost immediately, becoming oblivious to the setting and any other person around.

A strong feeling came over me during our first meeting — the thrill of even being involved in the movie-making process. Little did I realize when Dan came to speak at the Washington State Christian Endeavor Convention last March, that I would become involved. Our state president, Marv Easter, was making plans to go for the first two weeks in August and subsequently, Melissa Johnson, Laurie Cooper, and Brenda Cornwell completed arrangements so that they could go for one week, also. During a conversation with Dan regarding the possibility of my son, Phil Assink, and his wife, Melissa, being in the movie, I found myself being invited to come, too. How could I — a mother-housewife-sponsor-secretary — be more than a stage-struck onlooker? Dan promised me a full time job of assisting him. I eagerly accepted.

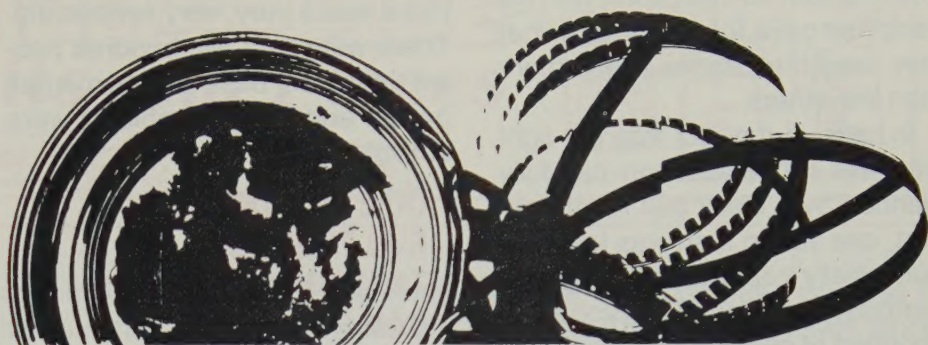
When Marv and I left Seattle on August 1 for Lancaster County, we wondered what could possibly happen to us that would in any way compare to the unusual travel tales that others brought back from their Christian Endeavor trips. After a dull, early morning, three-hour layover at O'Hare in Chicago, we still wondered. But in Philadelphia we got our first inkling when the U.S. Air ticket agent said that she had bad news. Our luggage was ticketed to Philly, and we were commuting to Lancaster! That meant we had to walk what seemed like a mile back to the United Airlines baggage area — and had to

carry what felt like a ton of luggage back to the U.S. Air terminal. As soon as I sensed we were being respectfully followed by a husky porter, I asked, "Are you following us because you are looking for a job?" Even in the hour we had, I knew we would never make it under our own power. I had never tipped anyone for such a service before, but cheerfully "God blessed!" him with a ten spot! I have no idea what he thought, but I knew he was a life saver.

After having flown on the 747, the commuter plane was indeed small and had only eight passengers aboard. As we sipped sodas, we viewed the gently rolling Amish farmlands, and spotted muddy streams here and there confirming recent rain storms. Petite Kate Duncan of Maranatha met us at the airport and took us to our host homes. I found myself located in a 240-year-old house that had recently been remodeled. It was an outstanding example of blending the old with the new. I was warmly greeted by Jim and Linda Neiss, their four charming children, two friendly dogs and a plucky cat named Buster. After lunch I crashed for a couple of hours in my new bedroom during which time a thunderstorm ripped the sky apart, but I cared not to raise my head.

The brief rest readied me for the first meeting with the crew and cast which was to be a party at the Slatters. Their homestead was located on a stream with a swim hole near a covered bridge. It was truly pic-

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turesque, a peaceful place to which we returned several times during the next two weeks to rehearse, to watch rushes, and to share.

As the fireflies flitted here and there outside the screened-in patio, Dan shared his feelings, needs, and goals. He warned us, praised us, challenged us, encouraged us. We were to love. We would find some things, even some people, to hate. That night everyone met on a friendly, open basis. After introductions, I realized that the ecumenical prospect of working with these people was as electrifying as the lightning of the afternoon. There were Mennonites, Catholics, Jews, and Protestants of various denominations. We were to work together.

One feature of my job which I was looking forward to was being with my friend, Jane Bartholomew. We found ourselves united in a joint effort as Dan's assistant directors. Our jobs involved working with the crew — Jim Bowman, Rick Lombardi, Ron Byler, Paul Showalter, Shirley Horst and Debbie Witcher. We did everything imaginable: made calls on housing, explained modeling contracts, made emergency trips for injuries, watched continuity during filming, set up scenes, directed traffic, explained things to people we did not even know how to explain, talked to people including reporters, officials, landlords, rowdy on-lookers, curious children, people who wanted to be in movies! It was constant care — constant love!

Planning for anything was diffi-

cult, even sleep. One morning about 4 a.m. Debbie and I went to Jane's house to sleep with her in a double bed. Jane's host was most amazed the next morning to see three people emerge from the room. We could only wonder what kept us going. But we knew. It was God's strength.

The first day's filming began in the Lititz jail. Chief George Hicks was not only helpful, but also made his acting debut when he released our gang member, Aldo, from his cell. Ivan Kane, as Aldo, exemplified an actor's devotion to his trade as he kicked the jail bars time after time in defiance. Before the scene was filmed he thought he had broken his toe, but continued with the role until the perfect take was achieved. It was a miracle to learn that his toe had not been broken. Probably more so a miracle in view of the fact that the doctor asked Ivan and me to read the X-ray! As an actor Ivan showed sensitivity. He was not only the tough, unruly gang leader, but he was able to tenderly minister to the needs of his dying mother, so effectively portrayed by Alice Fuqua.

Tuesday we began shooting scenes in Lititz Park. A stone-lined creek flowed from a pool at the head of the park. Often as I ran through the park I thought the stream created a languid effect compared with my rushing along side of it.

That day's miracles came when we needed a little old man in a scene, Arch McQuilkin showed up,

then disappeared immediately afterwards; when a nearby bulldozer over which we had no control, stopped exactly at the moment of several important takes; and when a severe evening thunderstorm caused the creek to completely flood the park cutting off lights all around the rec center where we were filming, we had electricity and could complete our work. We felt God's power. Even I could do everything Dan asked me to do that day except jump the stone-lined creek.

In the morning we moved locations to the Wissler home with its priceless antiques, where we shot scenes with Libby, the CE sponsor who is mugged in the park (Hilda Sullivan), Drew and Adrienne, the couple who came to her rescue (Herb Logan, Jr. and Beth Dipaolo), and Theopholis, Libby's unique dog that likes iced tea.

That evening we moved from the splendid home setting, back to the park for some of the gang scenes. The oval shaped pool surrounded by a rock cliff became an appropriate setting for the gang fight.

"Aldo! Aldo! Aldo!"

"Jimmie! Jimmie! Jimmie!"

"Crocker! Crocker! Crocker!"

The antagonizing chants began echoing throughout the park as the three distinctive leaders assembled their gangs: Aldo, a pusher, with his macho-type gang; Jimmie, Aldo's kid brother, with his not-quite-dry-behind-the-ears kids;

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and Crocker, so cock sure, with his gang that gave the impression that they used their brains a little more than the others.

In spite of the fact that the fight was well rehearsed and carefully planned by a black belt karate expert, one young man was knocked out. Initially it appeared he might be seriously injured. Everyone responded at once either by going to his aid or praying. An ambulance took him to Lancaster General Hospital. Suffice it to say that two hours later, a miracle was in evidence as Lonny walked out of the hospital on his own.

The next two hot, humid nights of shooting were very difficult and trying for everyone. The cinematography, lighting, directing and acting problems were compounded by the large number of people involved, by the thunder, the lightning, and the rain, and by the gathering of many spectators in the park.

While on-lookers cringed, David Modugno, playing Jimmie, endured incredible pain throughout rehearsals as he fell and was battered in the final dramatic fight scene. His determination to complete the final take was hard to believe. It served as a challenge to everyone as the attitude of the entire cast and crew was of critical importance.

Patience throughout the long nights until dawn Saturday morning allowed each movie detail to be worked out. By then the crew was exhausted, and the actors were well spent. Dan relieved everyone of his duties until Monday.

On Saturday Christian Endeavor young people began arriving from all parts of the United States and Canada: Michigan, Maryland, New York, Washington, West Virginia, Virginia, Texas, Washington, D.C., Oregon, California, Pennsylvania, and Ontario. Sunday afternoon they met for an orientation. Someone from the first week advised,

"Just enjoy yourselves. You are in for a trip!" But they were to learn that it was a very, very serious trip. There were over two hundred people involved over the two-week period, and people problems were unavoidable.

**QUIET ON THE SET!
RUN THROUGH!
TAKE ONE!!
CAM ROLL . . .
F STOP . . .
ACTION!!!**

Movie making became a reality on Monday morning for the CE kids and sponsors at the swim party location. Because of the casual activity, it was one of the most enjoyable days of shooting. However, no day was without serious problems and major decisions — decisions such as locations, expenses, scheduling, weather, injuries, needs of people arriving and leaving. The rest of the week's shooting in a gymnasium, at a retreat center, by a warehouse and at a car wash was highlighted with sweat, scum, sugar and shampoo. The bodies of the athletes glistened from working out in the hot gym. At the retreat house a cry of "Get Calvin!" prompted five kids into pushing each other off a raft into a foul lake. On film it will look great. Only those on location that day will know how scummy it really was. The heroin (powdered sugar) became the impetus of a sticky shower for everyone within throwing distance as the crew cracked up in relief at the end of the gang scenes. And, on the last day, the car wash scene which had to be cancelled in the morning because of rain, became lively with shampoo bubbles from buckets to cars to people when the sun shone through in the afternoon. Finally, scarcely before we could complete the last scene to be filmed, a down-pour of rain abruptly ended all shooting.

It was a great experience for me. We had prayed together, laughed

together, cried together, worked together, grown to love the people we'll spend eternity with. I discovered that if a single truth could be learned about movie making, it was that everything was subject to change. Everything! The first thing one did each day was the only thing one could count on. Everything else — scheduling, timing, location, actors, lines, even the story itself — was subject to change. Everyone had to learn to deal with change. For some it was difficult.

Dan promised there wouldn't be time to worry about eating. There wasn't.

Dan promised that it wouldn't be a Christian Endeavor convention. It wasn't.

Dan promised there would be a lot of sitting around and waiting. There was.

Dan promised as director he would be extremely demanding. He was.

Dan promised that it would be an experience we would never forget. We won't.

And it took so much time . . . so much out of us. It sometimes took all day to get three minutes of usable film. We fought sleep to stay awake through the rushes.

Was it worth it?

When *Triumph in the Streets* is finally edited some time next year and each one of us sits in a premiere somewhere in this country, only then will the final realization hit: How great an experience it truly was . . . how great a work it is. But few can know what it cost in physical and human resources. Even if one was there, it is not possible to fully convey to someone else what it was really like. But we who were there, will know at least in part.

We will know it was worth it all!

Bits and Pieces



Presidents gather at Roanoke, Virginia, CE Banquet.
From left to right, Tim Cook, Gigi Hall, Lavern Billig, Margaret Johnson, and Terri Wright

Congratulations to the Presidents

The following individuals were elected president of their state Christian Endeavor union in 1980.

DAVID HINKLE — Alabama, took over the reigns as president of the Alabama Union in 1980. He has served as president of the Christian Endeavor Society in the Pinson Presbyterian Church and continues to work with this youth group. Last year he served as director of recreation at the Alabama Christian Endeavor Summer Camp. He is employed by the Alabama Power Company and lives with his parents in Center Point, Alabama.

SHELLEY MAGNUSON — Oregon, was elected president of the Beaver State Union last spring after serving her apprenticeship as second and first vice-president. She holds a B.S. in home economics and nursery school teaching from Oregon State University and is employed as a preschool teacher. She resides in Corvallis, Oregon.

HAROLD "BUTCH" BYER — Pennsylvania, was elected presi-

dent of the Keystone Endeavorers last summer. He grew up in Northeast Branch Christian Endeavor in Philadelphia, and served as president of the Philadelphia County Christian Endeavor Union. He is employed by the Environmental Protection Agency, enjoys leading hymn sings and is a member of Olney Presbyterian Church. He and his wife Sue reside in Philadelphia.

MICKIE YALE — Texas, was elected president of the Longhorn State Union in June. She has served as departmental director, secretary and vice-president before assuming the presidency. In her home church, First Christian Church of Harlingen, she serves as a co-sponsor of the high school Christian Endeavor. Mickie has been a life-long resident of Texas except for the time spent attending Johnson Bible College in Tennessee.

MRS. NANCY WHITT — Virginia, was elected to lead the Old Dominion State Endeavorers for two years at their state convention in

August. She has been involved in Virginia Christian Endeavor since she was twelve years of age and was active in the Mount Olivet United Brethren in Christ Church. She and her husband David reside in Mount Solon, Virginia, with their two children.

MARVIN EASTER — Washington, was elected to the top position in the Evergreen State at their 1980 Convention. He grew up in Christian Endeavor in the First Reformed Church in Yakima and served as president of his local society. He is a freshman majoring in music at Yakima Valley Junior College and lives with his parents in Moxee, Washington.

MRS. DONNA STRAIGHT — West Virginia, was elected president of the Mountaineer Endeavorers during their state convention. She has served as recreational superintendent and vice-president for the state and is an active junior sponsor in the New Cumberland Christian Church. She lives with her husband Tom and daughter April in New Manchester, West Virginia.

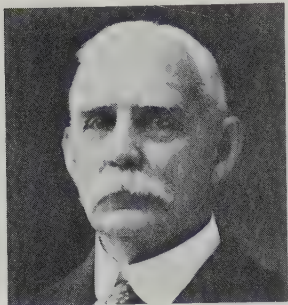


1980 Washington State Union Officers

Francis E. Clark, founder of the Christian Endeavor movement, is a name that has been upon the lips of millions during the past century. Unhappily, we never saw or met him. We have visited Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine, where in the fifth year

responsibilities, suited to their powers, that would train and develop them for larger duties and responsibilities.” Happily, we did meet “Mother Clark,” the young pastor’s wife. We even had the privilege of holding the umbrella over her to shelter

from the World’s Christian Endeavor Union, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, wrote a tribute for her which appeared in the publication I edited, THE EVANGELICAL CRUSADER. Said he: “When Francis E. Clark, her husband and founder of the Christian Endeavor move-



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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR STALWARTS

by Dr. Raymond M. Veh

Can you identify these 12 individuals?
(Answers on page 13.)



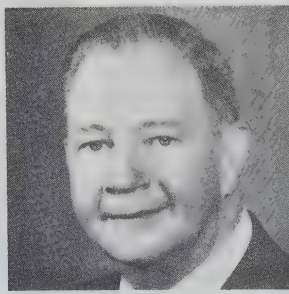
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of his first pastorate he was God-inspired to launch the first Christian Endeavor society February 2, 1881. In this church his spirit lives on for in his own words, “The great task which confronted Williston Church, as it has confronted so many others, was how to give these young converts duties and

responsibilities, suited to their powers, that would train and develop them for larger duties and responsibilities.” In 1941 when Mother Clark was 90 years of age, the second president of the movement, then presi-

dent of the World’s Christian Endeavor Union, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, wrote a tribute for her which appeared in the publication I edited, THE EVANGELICAL CRUSADER. Said he: “When Francis E. Clark, her husband and founder of the Christian Endeavor move-

"She is one of the most radiant personalities I have met, and her faith is of the mountain-moving quality and degree. Her ancestry is of the Mayflower, and her character is of the New England granite upon which her house was founded

"It is my hope that the Sixtieth (1941) Anniversary Convention will have Mother Clark as its central figure, that thousands of young people may see her face to face and that her gentle, triumphant voice may be carried on ether waves around the world speaking a message 'for Christ and the Church.' "

She was present and fulfilled that expectancy — an inspiration to all delegates and visitors present.

The first International Society president I knew was Dr. Daniel A. Poling, called the "Man of Action." I met him first in his novel *Dan of Oregon*, which inspired me as a high schooler. Based on his life as a young man, it was a beautiful love story. I first saw him in action at the momentous Cleveland, Ohio, C. E. Convention when the name was changed from "United Society" to "International Society of Christian Endeavor." He then was pastor of Marble Collegiate Church, New York City, and when he mounted the pulpit there it was to state the positive truths of God. Engraven upon the minds of 20,000 youth was the closing paragraph of his message to the Cleveland Convention:

"As in another time the flower of Chritianity steel-clad went forth to reclaim his sepulcher, let us now crusade with him, crusade to cleanse our own hearts, crusade to capture our friends, crusade to establish liberty with law and to perfect the peace; crusade to build the new earth, to win the warless world."

As a predecessor of mine in the editorship of the youth journal of my denomination, contacts with Dr. Poling, when I came to know him, impressed on me his constructive attitude toward life. He believed in a virile, positive approach to all problems. He affirmed that "doubt is bad psychology for any one — doubt of good, doubt of God, doubt of self." "Reverse the popular order," he used to say. "Stand in the morning and say to all the winds that blow, 'I believe.' Be constructive. Be positive." As a radio preacher for some years, as editor of *The Christian Herald*, as director of the J. C. Penney Foundation, facilities were placed at his disposal to do a great humanitarian work along with his Christian Endeavor leadership of millions of youth.

One who had a longtime connection in an executive capacity was Dr. Stanley B. Vandersall. He was at first Superintendent of Christian Vocations, later Associate, then General Secretary of the movement, and at times editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. He specialized in helping young people to find themselves and invest their lives in Christ's service in his churches. He made a lasting contribution through his quiet faithfulness to every assignment thrust upon him. For two decades he annually directed the committee on topics and secured writers for the topics selected — Junior, Intermediate (High School), Young People's and Adult. His personal friendship extended even to loaning me five dollars to get home on arrival in New York from a transatlantic crossing after spending more money than anticipated while attending the first Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1948.

A multitude of other great souls ought to be mentioned as stalwarts over the years. Carroll M. Wright, as Executive Secretary and Treasurer back in the 1930's; Carlton Sherwood, Ernest Bryan, Gene Stone, as General Secretaries; Mrs. Helen Lyon Jones, a philanthropist who helped in many financial crises and made possible the present headquarters building in Columbus, Ohio; plus a host of other laymen and laywomen in district, county, state, national and international leadership. These never wavered in their loyalties to the movement. They built a firm foundation on which the movement could progress. Each brought his/her unique personal endowment, gift of inspiring others to great enthusiasm, genuine religious certainty as he/she lived among the Endeavorers even to successive generations. The vibrant earnestness of their personalities lives on in today's leaders.

In their memory, as Christian Endeavor's Centennial is celebrated, we are called to carry on the movement to which they gave so much of their lives. In a favorite Scripture of Dr. Clark we can glory: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary, and they shall walk, and not faint."

C.E. Stalwart Answers

1. Francis E. Clark
2. Harriet A. Clark
3. Stanley B. Vandersall
4. Daniel A. Poling
5. Ernest R. Bryan
6. Helen Lyons Jones
7. Clyde W. Meadows
8. Elwood Dunn
9. Arch J. McQuilkin
10. Earle W. Gates
11. Gene Stone
12. Carroll M. Wright

Charitable Gifts

of Life Insurance

by Michael W. Lee

The Lord provides us with all we need. One of the many aspects of a relationship with the Lord is being a witness to Him and returning a portion of our time and material blessings to further His work.

The Lord's work requires financial support. We return a portion of our income to the church to help provide that support. Another way of providing financial support is by making a testamentary gift (at death, by will) of a percentage of an estate.

Another way of making substantial lifetime contributions and gifts is by the gift of a cash value Life Insurance Policy.

When an individual purchases or uses an existing cash value life insurance policy as a gift to the International Society of Christian Endeavor they have made a testamentary gift of the face amount (death benefit) of the policy. At the insured's death, the donee (Christian Endeavor) will receive the death benefit of the policy from the insurance company who issued the policy.

In addition, the donor (person who makes the gift) has given the donee a valuable form of property that can be used during the donor's lifetime. The International Society has the immediate and future use of the increasing cash values and dividend income from the policy. Each year as the donor continues to pay the premiums for the policy, the cash values increase and generate dividend income to the current benefit of the donee.

The International Society receiving gifts of cash value life insurance policies is gaining the security of future revenues and cash flow through cash values, dividend income and death benefits.

There are many motivating reasons for the donor to give a cash value policy to the International Society of Christian Endeavor. The premiums made by the donor are tax deductible just as your tithes and offerings are deductible. If an existing policy is gifted, cash values of the policy may be deductible for income tax purposes in the year that the gift was made. This is allowed if all rights of ownership are irrevocably transferred to the International Society.

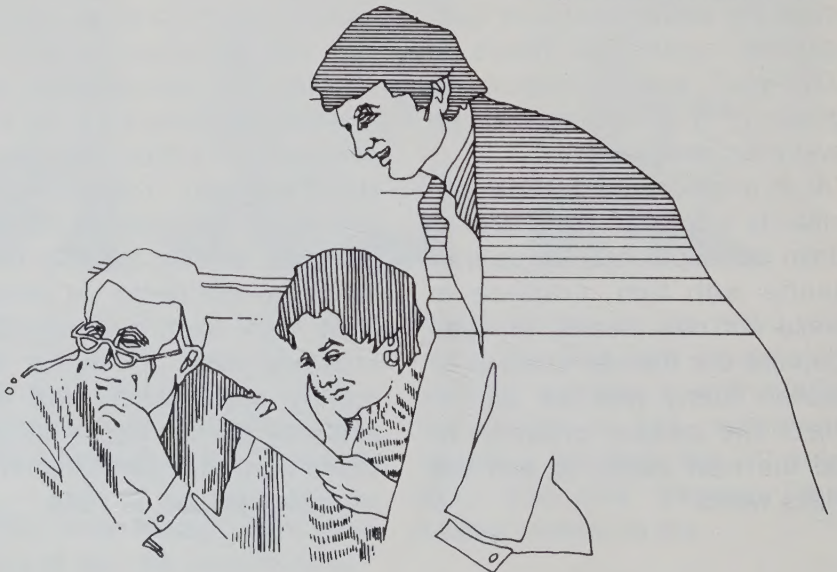
It can provide a way for a person who has a family or a modest estate to make a significant contribution to the Lord's work. A wealthy person can also use this method to be even more generous to the church in

addition to a gift of a percentage of his estate at death.

This type of gift can be made by the making of regular, budgetable contributions of income as compared to a gift of present wealth. In addition to the satisfaction received in knowing that a meaningful contribution has been made, the gift can be made anonymously.

One gift of one cash value policy can provide important financial support to Christian Endeavor, but when many people make a gift of modest sized policies, the future benefits to the donee can amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. Like a steel cable, one strand will not carry a heavy load, but all the strands together will carry any load. If you would like to know more about making a gift of a cash value life insurance policy as one way of witnessing to the Lord, the International Society of Christian Endeavor is ready to help.

Strike a light that will last forever.



The President's Corner

by Lavern Billig



The exciting year of 1981 is almost upon us. What a thrill to step into this centennial year. I look ahead to the many special events that are going to take place. Without a doubt, the Christian Endeavor Week activities will be the greatest ever. I am looking forward to hearing about Christian Endeavor on the radio and to seeing it promoted on television all during the year. I can hardly wait until August and the opening of the **Festival of Hope** Convention in Portland, Maine. There we will all see the premiere showing of the movie, *Triumph in the Streets*. The dynamic speakers and musical groups will inspire and challenge us.

The most important happenings for Christian Endeavor in 1981 are going to be the many young people who are won to Christ and the new Christian Endeavor societies that are established. Yes, the past has been glorious but the future promises to be more glorious if we continue to "Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength." The following poem was written by Amos R. Wells in 1931 for the 50th

anniversary of Christian Endeavor. I have only changed three words to bring it up to date.

The next hundred years of Christian Endeavor,—

May it have a great part in the vast
Forever!

May it wax ever wise, may it grow
ever strong,

May it raise to the skies a bright,
new song.

May it dare to enter the fiercest
fight,

May it stand on the side of Christ
and the right.

May it bring to the search for the
conquering truth

The wisdom of age and the vigor of
youth.

While it never forgets the heroes of
old,

In its own glad strength be it
sturdily bold.

While it looks ahead with a
purpose true,

May it gaze above to the faith-filled
blue.

While it dares with the few in glory
to fail,

May it ever be certain that God will
prevail.

On the rock of the past may it firmly
rest,

But still build up to the heavenly
best.

May it ever trust, may it never shirk
Ten more decades of strenuous
work.

The next hundred years of
Christian Endeavor,—

May it have a great part in the vast
Forever!

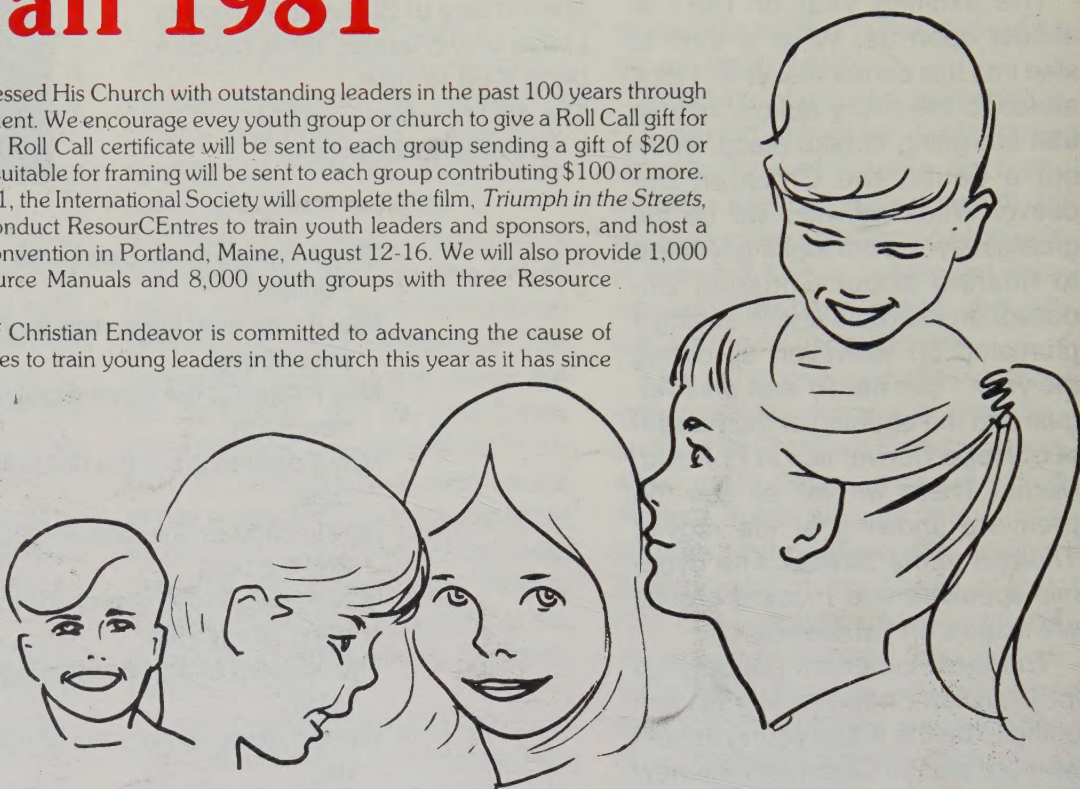
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Roll Call 1981

The Lord has abundantly blessed His Church with outstanding leaders in the past 100 years through the Christian Endeavor movement. We encourage every youth group or church to give a Roll Call gift for the centennial year of 1981. A Roll Call certificate will be sent to each group sending a gift of \$20 or more; a special gold certificate suitable for framing will be sent to each group contributing \$100 or more.

In the centennial year of 1981, the International Society will complete the film, *Triumph in the Streets*, enter into a media ministry, conduct ResourceCentres to train youth leaders and sponsors, and host a worldwide Festival of Hope Convention in Portland, Maine, August 12-16. We will also provide 1,000 new youth groups with Resource Manuals and 8,000 youth groups with three Resource Packets.

The International Society of Christian Endeavor is committed to advancing the cause of Christ by assisting local churches to train young leaders in the church this year as it has since 1881.



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Our congregation has budgeted \$____ for 1981

Please send ____ registration forms for the Festival of Hope Convention in Portland, Maine, August 12-16, 1981.

Group Name _____

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